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January 28, 2020

The Honorable Kim Reynolds, Governor
State of Iowa
State Capitol Building
Des Moines, IA 50319

Dear Governor Reynolds:

This letter provides information about the meeting of the Board of Regents on February 5 that will be held at the Board of Regents Office in Urbandale.

For your convenience, the meeting agenda is included after this letter. Full meeting materials are available on the Board of Regents website at the following link:

<http://www.iowaregents.edu/meetings/upcoming-meetings-and-agendas/>

Additionally, live video streaming of the meeting may be accessed via the Board's website.

Below are some specific individual items that are on the agenda:

The annual graduation and retention report will be received by the Board. Across the Regent enterprise, 86 percent of students return for their second year, which is well above the national average. Our universities rank well above the national average for public universities in four-, five- and six-year graduation rates. Additionally, the state of Iowa ranks first in the nation with 81.4 percent of students that start at a Regents university and earn a degree at one of our institutions or elsewhere.

The Board will receive the annual residence system governance report, which provides university residence systems five-year plans (FY 2021-FY 2025), preliminary residence systems budgets for FY 2021, and proposed residence system rates for AY 2020-2021. The universities provide many different room and board options to students with varying rates based on style of accommodation and amenities. The proposed rate increases for a standard double room without air conditioning and a standard meal plan are 1.8 percent at the University of Iowa, 0.5 percent at Iowa State University, and no increase at the University of Northern Iowa. This is a first reading of rates, with the Board being asked to approve rates in April.

Two athletics facilities projects will be considered by the Property and Facilities Committee, chaired by Regent Dakovich. At the University of Iowa, the committee will consider the proposed construction of a wrestling practice and operations facility. This 37,000 square foot building would include locker rooms, office space, workout facilities and training areas, and be directly connected to Carver-Hawkeye Arena, where wrestling competition would continue to take place. The estimated project budget of \$17-20 million would be funded by athletic department gifts.

At Iowa State University, the committee will consider a request to build a gateway bridge over South University Boulevard, east of Jack Trice Stadium, and a walkway connecting the bridge to the stadium's east concourse. This would create a much safer pedestrian route between the stadium and parking lots to the east. It will also serve as a substantial new gateway to Iowa State University when approaching campus from the south. The estimated project budget of \$8-12 million would be funded by athletics department operations and private giving.

Board committees will have many other items of business to consider, including:

- The Academic Affairs and Campus and Student Affairs Committees, chaired by Regents Boettger and Lindenmayer, will hold a joint meeting at 9:15 a.m. The committees will receive the annual distance education report and annual student financial aid report, as well as academic program changes and additions.
- The Property and Facilities Committee, chaired by Regent Dakovich, will meet at approximately 10:15 a.m. In addition to the previously mentioned athletics facilities items, the committee will consider four additional capital improvement business transactions. Additionally, the committee will receive requests for naming of facilities at UI and ISU, and the request to raze one building at UNI.
- The Audit and Compliance Committee, chaired by Regent Dunkel, will meet at approximately 10:30 a.m. The committee will receive internal audit reports, and the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics audit report.
- The University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Committee, chaired by Regent Bates, will meet at approximately 11:00 a.m. The committee will receive the current operating and financial performance report, a report on a collaborative inpatient rehabilitation facility, and a faculty presentation.

Other agenda items for the Board include:

- Receiving reports from the institutional heads at the public universities and special schools.
- Receiving bids for the sale and award of Iowa State University athletics revenue bonds for an estimated \$62.86 million; and University of Northern Iowa utility system revenue bonds for an estimated \$16.46 million.
- Holding a public comment period.

If I can provide additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Michael J. Richards

cc: Lt. Governor Adam Gregg
Members of the Board of Regents, State of Iowa

**Meeting of the Board of Regents, State of Iowa
February 5, 2020
Board Room
Board of Regents Office
Urbandale, Iowa**

Wednesday, February 5, 2020

**9:15 a.m. - Academic Affairs / Campus and Student Affairs Joint Committee Meeting
(Regents Boettger, Lindenmayer)**

1. Academic Affairs Committee Minutes of November 13, 2019
2. Campus and Student Affairs Committee Minutes of November 13, 2019
3. SUI New Program Request: Bachelor of Arts in Education Studies and Human Relations
4. SUI Program Change Requests
 - a. Request to extend admissions suspension for Biomedical Sciences Legacy Programs
 - b. Request to re-open Doctor of Philosophy in Biochemistry
 - c. Request to re-open Doctor of Philosophy in Immunology
 - d. Request to re-open Doctor of Philosophy in Microbiology
5. Annual Distance Education Report
6. Annual Student Financial Aid Report

10:15 a.m. - Property and Facilities Committee (Regent Dakovich)

1. Minutes of November 13, 2019 Committee Meeting
2. Register of University of Iowa Capital Improvement Business Transactions
3. University of Iowa Naming
4. Register of Iowa State University Capital Improvement Business Transactions
5. Iowa State University Naming
6. University of Northern Iowa Request to Raze One Building

10:30 a.m. - Board Convenes in Open Session (President Richards)

1. Call to Order for February 5, 2020

10:30 a.m. - Audit and Compliance Committee (Regent Dunkel)

1. Minutes of November 13, 2019 Committee Meeting
2. University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Audit Report
3. Internal Audit Reports Issued

11 a.m. - University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Committee (Regent Bates)

1. Minutes of November 13, 2019 Committee Meeting
2. University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics Presentation

2. Public Comment

12:30 p.m. - Break for Lunch

1 p.m. - Board Convenes in Open Session (President Richards)

3. Call to Order for February 5, 2020
4. Consent Agenda
 - a. Minutes of November 13-14, 2019 Board Meeting
 - b. Minutes of December 10, 2019 Board Meeting
 - c. Minutes of January 14-15, 2020 Board Meeting
 - d. Meeting of February 5, 2020 Property and Facilities Committee
 - e. Meeting of February 5, 2020 Academic Affairs Committee
 - f. Personnel Appointments
 - g. Span of Control Report
 - h. Annual Human Resources Report
 - i. Semi-Annual Claims Activity Reports: July 1, 2019 - December 31, 2019
 - j. Proposed University Parking Rates for FY 2021
 - k. Board Policy Manual Revisions, Chapter 1.2
5. Board President Report
6. Reports from Institutional Heads

7. Bond Sales
 - a. Resolution for the Sale and Issuance of \$62,860,000 (estimated) Athletic Facilities Revenue Bonds, Series I.S.U. 2020
 - b. Resolution for the Sale and Issuance of \$16,455,000 (estimated) Utility System Revenue Bonds, Series U.N.I. 2020
8. Residence System Governance Report
9. Graduation and Retention Report
10. Closed Session

3:30 p.m. - Anticipated Adjournment